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SUBJECT: CHANGE OF FREQUENCIES FOR AFN TRANSMITTERS

REF: HUFFCUT-RANDOLPH TELCON JULY 13

FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS BINZ LETTER DISCUSSED REFTELCON:

THERE ARE NO BASIC OBJECTIONS TO THE ADVANCED FREQUENCY CHANGE OF THE AFN TRANSMITTERS GRAFENWOEHR, KAISERSLAUTERN AND NUREMBERG FROM 611 KHZ (IN THE PRESENT FREQUENCY RASTER) TO THE FREQUENCY 1106 KHZ (1107 KHZ EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 23, 1978) ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT. THE 100 KW AFN TRANSMITTER MUNICH-ISMANING ALREADY OPERATES ON THIS FREQUENCY.

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THESE MEASURES YOU WOULD ALSO ALLOW THE FREQUENCY CHANGE OF THE AFN TRANSMITTER BERLIN FROM 935 KHZ TO 1106 KHZ (IN THE PRESENT FREQUENCY RASTER) AS PROPOSED BY RADIO BREMEN.

MAY I RECOMMEND THAT, AS IN SIMILAR CASES INITIATED BY OTHER ADMINISTRATIONS, THE ADVANCED FREQUENCY CHANGE OF THE FOUR AFN TRANSMITTERS TO THE PRESENT FREQUENCY
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1106 KHZ BE NOTIFIED IN YOUR TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATION TO THE IFRB WITH THE REMARK "COORD/D" IN ACCORD WITH OUR AGREEMENT BASED ON RESOLUTION NO. 5 OF THE RADIO REGULATIONS. SINCE WE EXPECT NO MARKED INCOMPATIBILITIES WITH OTHER PRESENT FREQUENCY USERS, A CONSULTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIONS WHICH OPERATE AND HAVE INTERNATIONALLY REGISTERED TRANSMITTERS ON 1106

KHZ PRIOR TO THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE NEW 1106
LF/MF BROADCASTING PLAN GENEVA 1975 (NOVEMBER 23, 1978)
WOULD NOT BE PROFITABLE. ACCORDING TO RESOLUTION NO. 1
OF THE LF/MF BROADCASTING CONFERENCE GENEVA 1975 THE
NECESSARY NOTIFICATIONS TO THE IFRB HAVE TO BE MADE
ANYWAY.

IN THE MF BROADCASTING PLAN GENEVA 1975 (PAGES 139/140)
THE SYMBOLS "18/YUG" AND "18/D" RESPECTIVELY ARE
LISTED IN COLUMN 15 (REMARKS) UNDER MUNCHEN ISMAN
(1107 KHZ) AND NOVI SAD (1107 KHZ). THESE REGISTRATIONS
STATE THAT "THE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THESE ASSIGNMENTS
PRODUCED NO SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ADMIN-
ISTRATIONS CONCERNED AND THAT THESE ADMINISTRATIONS
AGREED TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE OBJECTIVE
OF A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION". I WOULD WELCOME IT IF,
ON THE OCCASION OF THE PLANNED NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE
YUGOSLAV SIDE, YOU COULD CLARIFY AND AGREE THAT THE
CONDITIONS "18/YUG" AND "18/D" CAN BE DELETED.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMPATIBILITY OF THE FREQUENCY
USAGE 1107 KHZ WITH BRITISH SAME-CHANNEL TRANSMITTERS,
I WISH TO REMIND YOU OF THE COMMENT ON THE PROBLEM
RAISED BY THE BRITISH SIDE (SEE MY LETTER 244-3 5043-
0/34 OF AUGUST 25, 1976.

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I WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE YUGOSLAV SIDE.
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